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BAR HILL NEWSLETTER

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The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. Hall, 41 Otter Close
Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, 28 Otter Gardens
Mr. and Mrs. Williams, 35 Otter Close.

Bar Hill Residents Association

Agenda for Annual General Meeting to be held in the School on Friday, 14th November 1969 at 8.15 p.m.

1. To elect a Chairman of the meeting.
2. To receive apologies for absence.
3. a) To receive the minutes of the General Meeting of 25th July 1969 and Chairman to sign as a correct record.

   b) Matters arising therefrom.
4. To receive the report of the Committee.
5. To receive the Financial Report for the year.
6. Election of the Committee for the coming year and Appointment of Officers.
7. To discuss any matters received in writing.
8. Date, Time and Place of next meeting.
9. Any other business.

Mrs. Blanden and Miss Linda Ashmore

Since the serious road accident at the bus stop in which Mrs. Blanden and Linda Ashmore both sustained severe leg injuries, and as a result face a long period in hospital, many people have wished to share in sending them presents. If you would like to take part in this, please let either Mrs. Southgate, 39 Acorn Avenue, or Mrs. Hook, 23 Almond Grove have your contribution - if possible by the 8th of November.

Letter to all residents

The School Managers view with some concern the use of the School building for non-educational purposes. This has resulted in no evening being free for School functions, e.g. P.T.A. meetings. The Managers have decided as far as possible to keep Friday evening free, as from the week commencing Monday, 29th December 1969. (This restriction does not apply to Church services.)

The School will be closed for all evening activities from the 22nd to the 29th December 1969, and from 25th March to the 1st April 1970.

T. Barnes, Correspondent to the Managers

Accommodation wanted

Mrs. Burry, at the Sales Office, frequently receives requests for accommodation, and would be glad to hear from anyone in the Village who would be willing to offer bed and breakfast and possibly evening meal, when the need arises.

Outings

Following the successful trip to see the Harlem Globetrotters, there will be another similar family outing in February, to see "Humpty Dumpty on Ice" at the Wembley Pool, with transport by coach and a late restaurant meal. Details of dates and costs will be published in the next Newsletter.

In October a group of nine boys from the Village were taken by Minibus to see Spurs play Newcastle at Tottenham; it is hoped to organise another trip later in the season, and anyone who is interested should contact Mr. Barnes, 24 Gladeside (Crafts Hill 221).

Bonfire Feast

The Sixpenny Club are holding a "Bonfire Feast and Fireworks" night on Saturday, 8th November at 6.30 p.m. to which everyone is welcome.

Afterwards there will be a Party/Dance at the School from 7.30 to 11 p.m. The evening will be suitable for people of all ages, and tickets for the Party/Dance cost 2/- for adults and 1/- for children.

Dinner-Dance

The Students' Association of Swavesey Village College invite residents of Bar Hill to their annual dinner-dance on Friday, 7th November (7 p.m. for 7.30). Music is by The Coronets, with Aileen Bar; there is a licensed bar, and tickets are 25/-, obtainable from the Adult Tutor (Swavesey 373).

Badminton Club

The Badminton Club has the use of the School hall on Wednesdays from 6.30 p.m., and on Thursdays from 8 p.m. The membership subscription for the winter session is £1 plus 1/- per evening; the fee for visitors is 2/6 per evening.

B. Pitman, 1 Otter Close

Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis Club meets on Fridays* in the School hall between 6 and 10 p.m. Junior Members are especially welcome from 6 to 7.30 p.m.

There is no membership fee, but the charge for the evening is 2/- for adults and 1/- for schoolchildren. Please wear soft shoes.

For any further details please contact Mrs. L. Downey, 34 Acorn Avenue (Crafts Hill 292).

*(unless there is a Residents Association meeting)

Women's Institute

The next meeting will be held at the School in the Classroom on Thursday, 6th November at 7.45 p.m. when there will be a BAMIX Foodmixers demonstration.

Bar Hill Library

The hours of opening of the County Library Centre at Bar hill County Primary School are now as follows:

Monday 7.0 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Friday 3.45 p.m. - 4.45 p.m.

Anyone who would be willing to act as library assistant on alternate weeks is asked to get in touch with Mrs. Palmann, 17 Acorn Avenue (Crafts Hill 531).

National Savings

Monthly totals: September £56 8s. 0d. October £84 18s. 0d.

Please note that National Savings will no longer be collected, since it is thought that people will want to continue saving through the Post Office which is opening in the Village this month.

Bar Hill Post Office

It is hoped that the new sub post office will open, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Small, on Monday, 3rd November; the post office will be on the premises of Forbuoys, the newsagent's shop, but its hours of business, given below, will not be exactly the same as the rest of the shop.

Monday, Tuesday,) Thursday, Friday)	9 - 1	2.15 - 5.30
Wednesday	9 - 1	
Saturday	9 - 1	2.15 - 4.30

The post office will deal with: letters, parcels, insurance stamps, postage stamps, savings stamps, savings bank, Giro, postal orders, pensions, allowances and licences.

The pillar box has been moved to the entrance of the shopping centre.

D.I.Y.

The Do-It-Yourself Shop now offers tools for hire at reasonable rates. Among the items already available are: wheelbarrow, garden roller, carpet shampooer, long ladder, step-ladder and pasting table, and other requests will gladly be considered.

Picture-framing is undertaken on the premises, and orders are ready in a week; non-reflecting glass is used, or a heat-sealing process which does away with the need for glass altogether.

Brass-rubbing enthusiasts will be pleased to know that materials are available in Bar Hill, also from the D.I.Y. Shop (telephone number Crafts Hill 341).

A604 Junction

It is unfortunate that those who have sat in the middle of the Huntingdon Road waiting to turn into Bar Hill from the Huntingdon direction have not by our various protests been able to convince the authorities that the junction is a dangerous one. It is unfortunate that it took another accident to get some action.

On the afternoon of Friday, 24th October Mr. Francis Pym, M.P. for Cambridgeshire, and Mr. Lacey (the County Surveyor) met a number of Villagers representing various interests. The party inspected the junction and then moved to the School to discuss short- and long-term remedies. It was agreed that the only satisfactory long-term solution would be the flyover, but the imminence of the A604 becoming a dual-carriageway has delayed even further the start of this work. It was felt that the cheapest short-term solution would be cross-hatched road markings, and Mr. Lacey promised to put the work in hand as soon as possible.

We are all very grateful to Mr. Pym for the personal interest which he has shown in this problem, to Mr. Lacey and his Department for completing the work within a week of his promise, and to all who brought pressure to bear on those who had it in their power to do something about the situation.

H.C.

Cambridge Consultants

Second of an occasional series about firms in Bar Hill

Cambridge Consultants was founded in 1960 by Tim Eiloart, a Cambridge Chemical Engineering graduate. His original idea was that the Company would act as a link between industry and the University; it was not long, however, before it became apparent that most of the problems which came from industry were not the purely theoretical ones which had at first been envisaged. Workshops had to be set up, for customers wanted practical solutions, sometimes an extension of their own Research and Development departments - in fact, sometimes they did not have an R and D department at all.

In the first four years of its life, the company occupied first a bed-sitting room in Ram Yard, then a shop in Park Street, a top-floor suite of offices in Jesus Lane, and finally premises at Histon Road. The Histon Road premises - two terraced houses, a disused bakery, and a large collection of sheds in various states of disrepair, saw the foundation of the firm's electronic and mechanical engineering teams. Most of the engineers who worked night and day at Histon Road to get the firm going are still with it today.

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Cambridge Consultants , contd.

By 1965 Cambridge Consultants had several ideas which they wanted to manufacture and market themselves - mainly in the field of electronic instrumentation. A subsidiary was formed, AIM Electronics Limited. AIM stands for Advanced Instrumentation Modules; these Modules are self-contained circuits which can be interconnected in different ways to perform many different functions.

The number of employees has doubled every 15 months since the beginning, and in 1965 it was clear that new premises would have to be found. After looking at a large number of different sites and negotiating with planning authorities and the Board of Trade, permission was finally granted for the building at Bar Hill. AIM Electronics remained in Cambridge and Cambridge Consultants moved in to the Bar Hill works in January 1968. The premises were officially opened by George Brown in July of that year. Such a long time had elapsed between the decision to move to Bar Hill and the move itself that the building was inadequate for housing the Company.

Moreover, the growth of the firm was such that the roles of Cambridge Consultants as an R and D company and a holding company for its growing number of subsidiaries were incompatible. In the second half of 1968 a new holding and services company was formed - AIM Associates Cambridge Limited. Its subsidiaries are: Cambridge Consultants, AIM Electronics, AIM bioSciences (modular equipment for experimental psychologists), AIM Physical Sciences (infrared devices) and Cambridge Audio Laboratories Limited (manufacturers of a hi-fi stereo amplifier, the Group's first venture into the domestic market), and the Group, with the exception of Cambridge Consultants, now operates at the River Mill at St. Ives.

The list of Cambridge Consultants' customers is impressive, but unfortunately many of the projects are either confidential or too difficult to describe. Perhaps one of the most interesting and understandable projects is the construction of a machine to produce patterned carpets by a completely new method. Hitherto high-speed looms have been very limited in the patterns which they could produce; the new method overcomes this. Work has recently started on a novel method of dyeing fabric which should prove to be faster and cheaper than currently-used methods. Special equipment has been designed and made for the National Coal Board, the BBC, ICI, the National Physical Laboratory and many other large organisations.

It is unfortunate that it is just not feasible for the Company to continue to grow in Bar Hill. Although all non-R and D activities have been moved to St.Ives, the building has become too small again. It has been fun pioneering the factory site at Bar Hill, and a tenth of the Group's employees lives in the Village. It is a pity that we have to move, but the advantages of being able to accommodate the whole Group under one roof are obvious.

G.P.M.

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BAR HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Rules and Constitution adopted at the Inaugural Meeting at Bar Hill on 20th October 1967 and revised at a General Meeting on 25th July 1969

1. Name: Bar Hill Residents Association

2. Objects:
   (a) To promote the interests of Bar Hill Village
   (b) To act when necessary as an intermediary between the residents and other bodies
   (c) To raise funds for the purpose of promoting the interests of the Village
   (d) To keep residents informed of matters of interest to them in and around the Village.

3. Membership and Annual Subscriptions

   (a) Resident: open to each resident householder which membership shall confer on all members of his family normally resident with him the rights and privileges of membership: 10/- per year, except that resident householders at or over the age at which social security pensions are payable shall be eligible for free membership.

   (b) Business: open to the principal or his nominated deputy of any trading or commercial undertaking with premises in the Village which membership shall confer only on the member the rights and privileges of Membership: £1 0s. 0d. per year.

   (c) Honorary: open on the decision of the Committee to any person interested or concerned in the development of the Village which membership shall be reviewed annually by the Committee: £Nil per year.

   (d) Trustee: open to every member of the Trust not a resident in the Village for so long as he is a member of the Trust: £Nil per year.

4. Year: The Association year will run from 20th October one year to 19th October the next. Members joining the Association after 30th April one year will be covered by their subscription until 19th October the next.

5. Officers and Committee: the following will be elected each year:-

   (a) Up to 12 Committee members (who must be Village residents) proportionally representing Streets or Areas of the Village as agreed by the AGM from time to time
   (b) PLUS a Secretary, who must be resident
   (c) PLUS a Treasurer, who must be resident
   (d) PLUS TWO Auditors who are not members of the Committee.

   The AGM may elect a President and up to two Vice Presidents if it so wishes.

6. Powers of the Committee

   (a) To be responsible for the administration of and answerable to the Association
   (b) To invite observers and advisors who need not necessarily be members of the Association to it for particular purposes (not to have voting rights on the Committee)
   (c) To elect one of its members as its Chairman.

7. Powers of Officers:

(a) The Secretary shall be empowered to correspond and act as directed by the Association and the Committee.

(b) The Treasurer shall be empowered to receive and pay all monies on behalf of the Association subject to the rules on Finance.

(c) The Auditors shall satisfy themselves that all monies have been properly brought into account and shall have powers at any time to examine the records and accounts and property of the Association.

8. Honoraria: Honoraria for officers and/or for clerical or other assistance shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting for the year then ended and then only if notice that a proposal will be made has been included in the notice of the meeting.

9. Meetings of Association: Meetings whether Annual General Meetings or Special Meetings shall be called by the Secretary as required by these Rules or by the direction of the Committee or at the request in writing of not less than ten resident members which request shall set out the reason for calling the meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not earlier than the 20th October in any year and not later than the 30th November in any year. The notice of meeting shall be published not less than fourteen days before the meeting and shall set out the matters to be discussed thereat and it shall be sufficient notice of the meeting if the Secretary shall display a notice not less than foolscap in size on every notice board in the Village available for use by the Association except that he and the Committee may also use any other media of notice as may become available within the Village including closed circuit television. At any meeting called under this rule the President shall take the Chair and in his absence the senior Vice-President present and in their absence the members present shall elect a Chairman duly proposed and seconded. The business of election of a Chairman shall be conducted by the Secretary.

At any Annual General or Special Meeting only matters set out in the Notice of Meeting shall be discussed except that at an Annual General Meeting a matter may be raised under any other business provided that written notice shall have been given to the Secretary and then only with the consent of a reference Committee consisting of the Chairman and any two members of the Committee not being officers.

10. Quorum: (a) Association Meetings: until the total resident membership shall exceed two hundred members twenty resident members excluding officers or members of the Committee and when the total resident membership shall be more than two hundred members ten per cent of the total resident membership excluding officers and members of the Committee fractions to be ignored.

(b) Committee meetings: five elected members of whom not more than two shall be officers.

11. Alteration of Rules: These rules shall be altered only at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called to alter the rules. The rule(s) to be altered with the rule(s) as altered shall be set out in full in the Notice of Meeting. A rule shall be altered only by the vote of not less than two thirds of the resident members present at the meeting fractions to be ignored.

12. Place of Meetings: Every business meeting of the Association or the Committee shall be held within the Village.

13. Finance: (a) The Committee shall have power to authorise spending up to fifty pounds for a specific purpose this amount to be the sum of all the items making up a scheme or project or purchase.

(b) The Secretary shall have the power to spend up to five pounds on secretarial materials.

(c) The Treasurer shall open a Banking Account in the name of the Association.

13. (contd.) (d) Cheques drawn on the Association Banking Account shall be signed by the Treasurer and either Secretary or the Chairman of the Committee.

(e) The Treasurer shall submit an audited statement of Income and Expenditure and a Balance Sheet to the Annual General Meeting and both shall be published with the Notice of Meeting.

14. Nominations and Elections of Officers and Committee: Nominations will normally be in writing signed by the nominee, his proposer and his seconder and will be delivered to the Secretary not less than fourteen clear days before the date of the meeting. However, the meeting may accept later nominations by a majority vote.

Officers and Committee shall be elected by show of hands or ballot by resident members present as the meeting shall decide.

15. Copies of Rules: Each member shall receive one copy of these rules free on being invited to join the Association and shall thereafter pay one shilling for each other copy.

16. Indemnity: The Treasurer shall arrange for insurance indemnity for officers and and members of the Committee and if possible and practicable for all other members of the Association against all claims damages proceedings or liabilities which might arise from any action meeting function or other thing done or arranged or held by or on behalf of an officer or member of the Committee or the Association.

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